Entrance, Have Cost Enormous Sums. Sometimes the most insignificant piece of carelessness has produced results which have shaken continents. The misplacement of a period was the cause, it is said; of the Jameson raid and therefore indirectly

When there seemed a prospect of a confict between the Boer Government and the Ditlander population a letter was sent to Dr. Jameson from Johannesburg, signed by Col. Rhodes and others.

According to the Grand Magazine the original contained the following sentence: We feel we are justified in taking steps to prevent the shedding of blood and to haure the protection of our rights. It is under these circumstances that we feel constrained to call upon you to come to our aid should disturbance arise here. Circumstances are so extreme that we cannot

avoid this step, &c., &c." In the message Dr. Jameson received the full stop was placed after the word aid," instead of after "here." Thus the qualifying clause was cut off and became a part of the next sentence. The Rhodesians came instantly galloping across the frontier on their ill fated mission.

Carelessness pure and simple was the cause of a shocking catastrophe near St. Petersburg during the army manouvres four years ago. A sham fight was in progrees, and an officer in command of a cavalry regiment was ordered to move around the flank of the opposing force. Instead of throwing out scouts and proceeding cautiously he calmly trotted off in the direction indicated and when the regiment reached a point where some of the opposing force were supposed to be awaiting them ordered one squadron to charge.

The troops put spurs to their horses and

galloped furiously forward. The result was appalling. The supposed enemy's trenches turned out to be a narrow but deep, swift running river into which the whole squadron rode at full speed. Men and horses crashed over the almost vertical bank in a living tortent. Of more than ninety dragoons barely forty reached the opposite bank bank alive.

One summer morning in July; 1903, the peaceful little village of Collonges was startled by a huge object descending apparently from the skies with a terrific thud in the centre of the main street. A moment

in the centre of the main street. A moment after, with a shricking whistle, came another of these alarming visitants, which struck the church roof, knocking a hole in it.

The terrified inhabitants fled for their lives, pursued by shell after shell. Many houses were struck, but by a miracle no one was killed. Afterward it turned out that this perious homeadment was the result was killed. Afterward it turned out that this perilous bombardment was the result of a trial of some new long range guns at the Savatan forts. The officer in charge had apparently never taken the trouble to inquire the range of the new weapons and had been firing with a reckless disregard of consequences.

and had been firing with a reckless disregard of consequences.

In May, 1993, eleven boys on board the training ship Cornwall, lying off Purfleet, were suddenly struck down by typhoid fever, and inquiry proved that the outbreak was the result of their sleeping between fever infected blankets brought from South Africa. In flat contravention of army regulations no fewer than 200,000 blankets returned from service had been sold to two dealers at the Cape at five cents each, and of these 15,000 dozen were shipped back to London, those that were tainted being indiscriminately mixed with those being indiscriminately mixed with those free from suspicion. Carelessness of this sort is in very truth a crime of the deep-

est dye.

While on the subject of infection, the American town of St. Paul, Minn., got an American town of St. Faul, anima, got an unpleasant scare two years ago. An English doctor was travelling across from San Francisco to New York when, at St. Faul, a negro porter in charge of the travel-

Imagine the feelings of the railway offi-cials when they heard that among the con-tents of the lost piece of luggage were sev-eral tubes of living plague backlii the doctor had brought from India! For some days the whole surrounding country was in a state of semi-panic, but eventually the missing bag was recovered with the tubes

Carelessness introduced the gypsy moth into New England and allowed it to establish itself there at a cost of millions of dollars to the people of that section.

Careleseness, too, introduced the sweet-briar into Tasmania, covering great areas of fine grazing land with impenetrable thickets; carelessness spread the black-berry over vast districts in Australia; sarelessness has dammed the New Zealand streams with tangled masses of giant water-cress and the Florida rivers with rafts of blue flowered water hyacinth.

blue flowered water hyacinth.

Worse than all in its financial effects

was the carelessness apon a great industry was the carelessness which introduced the so-called Bathurst burr into Australia. Wherever this plant has spread sheep's fleeces are thick with the elinging burrs. These spiny seed pods, difficult beyond measure to get rid of, reduce the wool that is full of them to a fraction of its value. ion of its value. The results of carelessness all too often

are beyond the power of man to remedy An instance in point was the collapse of the Campanile at Venice. For twelve long years before its final collapse Signor Ven-drasco, an architect in municipal employ, had been urging and imploring the town and Government to repair the tower before t was too late.

It was too late.
But in matters of this sort the Venetians; alas, too strongly resemble the Spaniards with their everlasting "mañana." It is a case of never do to-day what can be left till to-morrow. Poor Vendrasco received nothing but jeers or abuse, and at last, just a month before the day the Campanile feil, was summarily dismissed for making a last urgent appeal that something might be done before it was too late.

Another irreparable less to the art world.

Another irreparable loss to the art world was caused in the winter of 1903 by the carelessness of the owners of the Rosso Palace, also in Venice. Because they could not or would not take the trouble to find out who was competent to be intrusted with the task they sent ten "old masters" to be tleaned by a totally incompetent person.

These pictures included two of the finest Van Dycks in existence and two Guido Renis and were all of immense value, both from an artistic and monetary point of view. The incompetent cleaner washed them with an alkaline solution and totally destroyed them all

them all.

An official of an American bank once told the writer that it was not professional swindlers who constituted the chief danger to the banking profession. It was rather the careless methods of customers in drawing checks and thus giving opportunity for fraud. As an instance, he quoted a case tried three years ago before a Maine court

The cashier of a certain electric company The cashier of a certain electric company drew a check in favor of a man named Long-acre for the sum of \$100. The treasurer of see company wrote the words "one hundred". In the very middle of the check and the figures thus: \$100, with a space wide enough for the insertion of another figure between the insertion of another figure between the dollar mark and the 100.

the dollar mark and the 100.

When the check was presented the words read "Eighty-one hundred dollars" and the figures \$3,100. The bank paid it unquestioning; and the electric company promptly sued to recover the \$8,000. The case created a good deal of interest, especially when the Court's decision was given that the company, not the bank, should be the losers on account of "gross carelessness" in drawing the check.

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Put me somewhere west of East street, where there's nothing left but dust. Where the lads are all a-hustlin' and where every-thing's cone bust. thing's gone bust,
Where the buildings that are standing sort of blink
and bitndly stare
At the damnedest finest ruins ever gazed on any-

In the damnedest finest ruins still I'd rather be a

On the Mountains.

From the Westminster Gasette.

They had missed him in the valley, they were crouching in a hollow.

They were sheep without a shepherd, they were

Said the youngest to the eldest: "We must find him —we must follow, follow fill we do."

Said the eldest to the youngest: "Lot I know the road he's taken,

He is waiting where the pile he lighted burns,
His word is on my spirit and my faith is still un-

we must follow, follow, follow till he turns."

Said the youngest to the cidest: "Listen, listen, O my brother,
Lo, the fire in the valley has gone out,
But up among the mountains he has lighted him another,
We must follow, follow, follow, we must shout."

Said the eldest of them, angered: "Lo, the stripling has been drinking."
But the youngest only curied his pleasans lips—"He is watching on the mountains where the sun he loved is sinking
We must follow, follow, follow, where it dips."

And he laughed them out a promise, those abandoned in the hollow.

"There are other flames and other suns beside:
But to know them you must follow—you must follow."
So they followed, followed, followed till they died.

Coffee: A Renunciation.

Good-by, old friend, my liver's out of 'skew,
No more thy soothing solace shall I feel,
Thou must not boil to haunt my morning meel,
Nor fill my nostrils with thy fragrant brew.

And when my nerves cry out for one caress From thy dark lipe. I must not beed their ory Nor paint thy lure in visions, black as lye, Lest one misstep bring back my billousness.

No substitute shall nurse my tendons back. My strength of will shall halt me at the brink; And so to-night I think that I will drink— What's that? Yes, breakfast cup, and bring it black

Dinner and the Drama.

Dinner and the Drama.

From the Denser Republican.

Clyde Fitch says Americans are unable to get the utmost enjoyment out of plays because they attend the theatre too soon after eating dinner.

—Theatrical note.

When you're planted in the playhouse, in a sest that cost two plunks.

And you're looking for enjoyment, not in dribbles, but in chunks,

And the op'ning act discloses that you've thrown your coin away.

For the actors, plot and dialogue are equally passe—
Just blame it on your dinner.

At home's the wretched sinner,

So hike you out, in angry mood, your tardy cook to slay.

If you think you'll hear good music, when some new thing holds the boards.

And you get a mixed collection of last season's ragtime chords.

Do not blame the peor composer, nor the ones who sing the songs—

They're really not responsible for all the evening's wrongs:

You were your own undoing—
You delayed your evening chewing—
So blame your little Mary, where blame rightfully belongs.

Best take the tip, good people, when it's handed to you straight. If you'll only eat your "ham and" in the early part of day.

you wend your way;
But if meals you keep on boiting.
And the drams gets its joiting.
can playwrights hope to elevate the me stage—now say?

Who Knows.

And you want to strike a light.

Though the wind and rain may buffet

When you have a box of matches

Your cigar will glow aright.

When 'tis quiet all about And one match is all you boast of

But, I want to know, why is to

Right

Qust

When the pretty girls in bevies

But, I want to know, why to ft

Right

When but one you care about, Only one in all creation,

Pity.

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat, pity those who wander through the streets From fall of night until the dawn is red a hundred of the kind the passer meets) Without a single place to lay the head.

pity those who wander through the earth (A hundred such one meets when once he starts Whose souls are strangers unto love and mirth— Without a single place to lay their hearts!

The Man Who Owns It All.

Where Wall Street's caffons tower tall, And giants rise and giants fail

Just now the man who owns it all is Harriman.

Take any road in any spot And ask who owns it; like as not

Right off the bat comes rumor hot:

"It's Harriman's."

The souls who get the place of wrath Will hear the broad and flowery path Is Harriman's.

Where harps and halos are the mode,

They'll find the straight and narrow road

Golden Rod.

Land of fay or fairy
Was this flose spun, this ethereal gold?

As if cloth of amber 'tis unrolled!

Seems it, tapestry for elf or gnome-

'Tis like sunlight glinting over foam.

Summon spell to fix or mould it?-nay!

Like eve's afterglow, 'twill fade away! CLINTON SCOLLARD.

"The Little Done, the Vast Undone."

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.
The little done sustaineth no man's soul;
It knows it for an atom of a whole,
A tiny atom scarce worth heaven's seeing,
Or man's acclaim or e'en a moment's being;
And this although a fellow or a State
Hold the accomplished thing as truly great.

Nay, not the thing that's done, but what's undone Gives strength and comfort underneath the sun; The poems that the poets never write, Yetdream and drink through many a summer night, The statues chiselled when the imperial mind is by no need of handlers t confined.

MCLANDBURGH WILSON

in fact, I think as aftermath

Or if they seek the high abode

Is Harriman's.

In what alry

By yon rillside.

On you sweeping billside,

Wrought of moonlight,

Shine and shimmer,

Snare it? Hold it?

Woven of zenith noonlight,

Glamour, gloss and glimmer,

Transitory, With the autumn's glory,

Swarm around you where you go, You can strike a match successful

Heedless of the winds that blow

MCLANDBUBGH WILSON.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. I was born on an English ship about two miles off the coast of New Jersey. My father was a subject of the crown of Great Britain and Ireland Am I a native born citizen of the United States? T. F. Walse.

T. F. Walds.

Tes. The law reads "All persons born " " in
the United States and subject to the jurisdiction
thereof are cisizens of the United States and of
the State wherein they reside." The British ship
being within the three mile limit was within the
territorial limits of the United States and subject
to its jurisdiction. This selection they Bully ruins, bricks and wall, through the night I've heard you call, through the night Sort of sorry for each other cause you had to burn and fall; to its jurisdiction. This is clear from the provi-sion making exception from citizenship of those who may be born on a public vessel of a foreign From the Ferries to Van Ness you're a God formaken country within American territorial waters. All ships other than men-o'-war enter American ships other than men-o'-war enter American Juriadiction when they enter American territorial waters, as is the case presented in this question. The American law provides citizenship by birth for this inquirer. The British act of 1870 provides a means of renunciation of such British citizenship as might be held to persist by inheritance: "Any person who is born out of her Majesty's dominions, of a father being a British subject, may, if of full age and not under any disability, make a declaration of allenage, " and from and after the making of such declaration mess,
But the dammedest fixest ruins, nothing more and
nothing less. The strangers who come rubberin' and huntin' The fools they try to tell us it will take a million Before we can get started, so why don't we come to And build our homes and factories upon land they've got to give. make a declaration of allenage. \* \* and from and after the making of such declaration shall cease to be a British subject. Act 35 and 36, "Got to give!" Why, on my soul, I would rather Victoria 104 chapter 14. live right in the ashes than even move to Cak-

What is the meaning which underlies the expression "rule of thumb"? I know that it is used to express any common and unscientific mode of procedure, a rough and ready measurement, but what I am seeking to learn is its original meaning.

Charkes Jamson.

The reference is to the use of the upper joint of the thurst care. land's mole; If they'd all give me a pick of their buildings proud

the thumb as a convenient measure of an inch. As that joint warles within a considerable range in different individuals it is only a very rough approximation to a measuring rod. Of two such units based upon parts of the human body it is somewhat strange that one should be selected for refinement to scientific accuracy as the standard unit of measurement and the other rejected to serve as an ex pression of all that is essentially inaccurate. The foot has become fixed, its standard beam is preserved with the utmost care and the comparison of secondary standards therewith is a work of the most paine authority with the foot, has not only never been standardized but is expressly reserved for the ex-pression of loose measurement. This in English measurement. The French, however, in their scale before the introduction of the mathematical met e, refined the thumb joint to one-twelfth of the standardized foot and iretained for the inch thus

Can a man after taking out the declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States accept an engagement in a foreign country, still claiming residence in the United States and being single and without other home?

The declaration of intention confers no rights of citizenship within the United States or abroad. Before an alien can acquire citizenship he must have resided here at least five years (Revised Statutes 2165). This residence must be continuous So they sought him down the valley, arm in arm in friendship linking.

And they stumbled on the ashes in the dark. But they found him on the mountains where the sun he loved was sinking.

With his fingers spread to shield a new born spark. Ravised Statutes 2170). In its more restricted meaning the word "residence" denotes a person's habitual physical presence in a country or place. In its broad sense it means a place of abode, selected with the intention of remaining permanently of for an indefinite period. Taken in its broader sense. temporary absence from the United States, upon temporary absence from the United States, upon business or pleasure, might not be incompatible with continued residence here. To determine this it would be proper to take into consideration the length of the absence, its purpose and the circumstances surrounding the case. So far Van Dyne, "Citizenship of the United States," 29. Many course have ruled adversely to the postulant in cases similar to that presented in this question.

cases similar to that presented in this question. What event is known as the battle of the kegs!
O. H. Warner. The incident was a slight event in the history of the British occupation of Philadelphia in the Revolutionary War, which might never have been remembered had it not served as a peg on which to hang the verses of a patriotic satire by Francis Hopkinson. The British had learned that the patriots were planning to blow up Philadelphia by sending against the town a flotilla of floating mines. Accordingly the British cannon thundered all day long at every chip of driftwood in the Dela

Such feats did they perform that day Against those wicked kegs, sir.
That years to come, if they get home, They'll make their boasts and brags, sir.
Signer of the Declaration though he was juris and voluminous writer, Francis Hopkinson is best

remembered for this one trifle; even as his brilliant son Joseph would be forgotten save for the fact that he wrote "Hall, Columbia." Can you give me the address of the chairman of the committee on the Carnegic college pension fund? What are the conditions entitling pro-fessors to pensions from this fund?

ARTHUR STOWELL.

The offices of the Carnegle Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching are at 542 Fifth avenue, New York. The provisions of the foundation are that any person 65 years of age and who has had not less than fifteen years service as a professor and who is at the time a professor in a non-And be sure your stomach's empty when to shows | denominational college shall be entitled to receive for an active pay of \$1,500 or less an allowance of for an active pay of \$1,000 of loss at \$1,000, provided that no allowance exceed 90 per of the active pay. For active pay above cent. of the active pay. For active pay above \$1,600 the allowance is increased \$50 for each \$100 of the active pay. For retiring professors whose age is less than 65 years a slightly smaller allow-ance is made. No allowance is to exceed \$3,000. In addition, widows of college professors who die in service are to share in the benevolence of the foundation. The capital of the fund is \$15,000,000.

Which language contains the greater number of words, the German or English? C. R. But which head contains the greater number of ideas, the German or the English? When that initial problem is disposed of its solution will dispose of the dependent and secondary question of nber of words. Merely as a matter of arithmetical ourlosity the most comprehensive diction ary of the English has more separate word entries than the fullest German word book. This proves nothing as to the size of either catalogue of words and for many valid reasons. A single one that is very effective in preventing German dictionaries from becoming unwieldly is that word composition in that language is so consistently governed by a few fixed and simple laws that it is not necessary to overload the dictionary with the compound

As between the expressions "anybody's else" and anybody else's" which is the correct one?

B. S. BICKELHAUPT, The former is so correct that it hurts. It parses by all the laws of formal grammar. It is and long has been the delight of the precisians and puritans

of speech. Yet it has never succeeded in displace of speeps. Yet it has never succeeded in displac-ing "anybody else"s," which is on the tongues of high and low. "Anybody's else" is an acquisition; it comes from a conscious effort to be correct, and just because the effort must be conscious it spoils the thing that one would say. The grammarians have not succeeded in forcing their pet form upon even those who are careful of their speech, and "anybody else's" remains at least as correct as "anybody's else," even though it may not parse

Is it ever correct to put a word between the two parts of an infinitive, for instance, "to greatly oblige"?

Prof. Lounsbury has come to the defence of the split infinitive in an agreeable paper in which he presents a review of the usage in all stages of English, supporting it by the practice of acknowledged masters of English. This goes to show that a writer thoroughly educated in style and diction may employ a split infinitive with telling effect, yet a mere apprentice in the language should avoid the locu-

Where did the incident occur and who was it who could not understand how the apple got within the dumpling?

C. H. JOYCE. Is was George III. who could not figure out that problem in cultnary physics, at least the old stor. oredits him therewith, and it may have been true. Certainly there were other and more important problems which he could not comprehend, and long before his physical end his poor wondering wits went out into a childish blank comprehending

Do the tiger, panther, lion, leopard and jaguar all belong to the cat family, or is the lion excepted? FRLIS. All these animals, the iton as much as any, gether with several others not mentioned, are classed by naturalists in the felidæ. It does no harm in popular description to call this the cat family so long as it is understood that while possessing certain broad points of agreement each genus of th felide differs widely from the others.

If any of your readers has chanced to make a specialty of the poetical literature of whales and little codlings of the deep I trust he will supply the poem which contains these breezy lines: Then we'll go for a sail on the tail of a whale,
Where the merry, merry breezes blew!
And we'll go for a lark on the back of a shark,
Where the merry, merry breezes blow!
DAVID H. PERLMAN,

How large is the crew employed on first class ocean steamers? NEW HAVEN.
The crew bill of the Carmania is 450, including cabin, deck and hold divisions. This may be taken as the average for the steamers of the Atlanti

What are the planets which govern and control the several months of the year? E. A. C. Respectfully referred to students of the Almagest, the casters of horoscopes and practitioners of the curious are of astrology and black magis.

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